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FURTHER REPORT FROM "HILDE" ON THE GERMAN POLITICAL SITUATION (1965)

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To the 8th Department.

(Part 2) On 14th March 1965 "HILDE" (GUTENBERG) (1)

[17 groups unrecovered]

[G. possibilities] of peace negotiations with all the Allies a special representative of the German Foreign Office was arriving in the country from G. GERMANY together with leading personalities

[50 groups unrecovered]

representatives of the legation (HILDE) (a) met only

[15 groups unrecovered]

so that the allies would enter into negotiations.

2. [32 groups unrecoverable, 92 groups unrecovered]

to HILDE [4 groups unrecovered] in the direction

[48 groups unrecoverable]

negotiations [G. was selected by] the Foreign Office. HILDE himself took part in them and in future will probably do this even more often and to a greater extent in order to acquire more influence on foreign policy. HILDE was also the driving force in the attempt at negotiations entered upon in STOCKHOLM. However

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[41 groups uncovered]

incorrect treatment" of other peoples. According to this information HEDLER claims that he was only carrying out HITLER's orders, and often even resisted them, but so far his resistance has been rather feeble. The relations between HITLER and HEDLER have not become worse, in the same way as they have in general worsened between [5 groups uncovered] high Nazi leaders. At the same time, the Sixth Department [OTHEL] is trying to induce HEDLER to overthrow HITLER by means of a coup d'état and then put an end to the war. They say that HEDLER at the present time is the only force in GERMANY that can overthrow HITLER. He has at his disposal an immeasurably bigger army than

[18 groups uncovered]

GERMANY.

4. "IDLER", reflecting, apparently, the views of the Sixth Department, considers that it would be to GERMANY's advantage to overthrow HITLER. [6 groups uncovered] overthrow [2 groups uncovered] forces. Although [7 groups uncovered] HEDLER [Q. such] [1 group uncovered] forces is impossible, but this possibility [2 groups uncovered] probable [b], as this [3 groups uncovered] GERMANY. According to information received by "IDLER", HEDLER is at heart prepared for a coup d'état, but he has not yet plucked up the courage, partly because he does not know what effect his actions will have on him and his adherents after a successful coup.

[Part II] [5 groups uncovered] [of HEDLER]

[25 groups uncovered, 38 groups uncovered]

do away with HITLER, considers it important [b. that] there should never survive in GERMANY

[12 groups uncovered]

will be finished with for all time; if HEDLER [5 groups uncovered] HITLER to the end, [s] then [3 groups uncovered] chance that he will be done for

[11 groups uncovered]

chance of saving his life [9 groups uncovered]

[69 groups uncovered, 25 groups uncovered]

and make a gesture that would be to his own advantage.

6. The enmity between RIBBENTROP and HEDLER continues. A struggle is also going on between them too and [6 groups uncovered] between HEDLER and BORIS. The latter is the man who is most loyal to HITLER. He has lately taken over many key positions

[21 groups uncovered]

lately been pushed [6 considerably] into the background. A struggle for power at the top is going on at the moment between HEDLER and BORIS. BORIS now has under his command the direction

[11 groups uncovered, 65 groups uncovered]

(Part III) HINDLER assumed command of the central sector of the front as the result of SOBMANN's initiative. HINDLER refused [5 groups unrecovered], but SOBMANN insisted upon it, and

[13 groups unrecovered]

HINDLER in U.S. and Nazi circles.

[29 groups unrecovered, 60 groups unrecoverable]

HINDLER not only on the part of [2 groups unrecovered], but also the U.S.S.R. All the same I think it possible to recruit HINDLER, so as to act against

[12 groups unrecovered]

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[D. V. LERIAN] [11]

Notes: (a) 'Location' or 'mission'.

(b) A negative may be obtained in the preceding two groups.

(c) This passage may be: 'If HINDLER follows HITLER's path to the end, then ...'

Comments: (1) EDLER : Unidentified cover name.

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